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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Pervenche Berès
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Amendment 1
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1) Points out that cohesion policy must help reduce macroeconomic imbalances within the EU and contribute to economic and social convergence in accordance with the targets of the Europe 2020 strategy;

Amendment

1) Points out that cohesion policy must help reduce macroeconomic imbalances within the EU and contribute to economic and social convergence in accordance with the targets of the Europe 2020 strategy ***and especially its employment and poverty targets***;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Csaba Óry

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2) Considers that the record of cohesion policy, particularly at social level, and the impact of the crisis make it necessary to plan the ***next*** round of budget programming with sufficient flexibility (***e.g. in terms of reprogramming***) to enable the EU to conduct a countercyclical policy;

Amendment

2) Considers that the record of cohesion policy, particularly at social level, and the impact of the crisis make it necessary to plan the round of budget programming with sufficient flexibility to enable the EU to conduct a countercyclical policy;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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3) Stresses that the new multiannual financial framework must have sufficient funding to allow the EU to achieve the ambitious targets of the Europe 2020 strategy, three of which require sustained investment in ‘human capital’;

Amendment

3) Stresses that the new multiannual financial framework must have sufficient funding to allow the EU ***to remain credible towards its citizens and*** to achieve the ambitious targets of the Europe 2020 strategy, three of which require sustained investment in ‘human capital’;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a) considers it necessary, for it to be possible to invest in ‘human capital’, for the new multiannual financial framework to envisage actions aimed at increasing the birth rate in the Member States with a view to addressing the demographic deficit; considers that the decision on the part of many households to limit the size of their families or delay having children is also influenced by the difficulty of reconciling work and family life; feels that the introduction of a policy designed to create conditions favourable to an increase in the number of births also serves the interests of society as a whole, given the falling birth rate; strongly urges the Member States to include within the new multiannual financial framework measures allowing and supporting the costs and benefits of invisible work not recognised by national statistics systems;

Or. fr

Amendment 5
Csaba Óry

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4) Points out that, in view of the current economic and social crisis, the multiannual financial framework must support and **encourage investment that promotes renewed economic activity, but above all must demonstrate its added value in tackling** the structural challenges facing the Member States, **particularly** unemployment **and** poverty;

Amendment

4) Points out that, in view of the current economic and social crisis, the multiannual financial framework must support and **combat** the structural challenges facing the Member States **like** unemployment, poverty, **lack of mobility and education**;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Csaba Óry

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5) Stresses that the **new** framework and the **new** financial instruments must restore citizens' faith in the European project, **taking into account Article 9 of the Treaty on the 'horizontal social clause' in order to guarantee** a high level of employment and adequate social protection, fight against social exclusion **and promote** a high level of education, training and protection of health;

Amendment

5) Stresses that the framework and the financial instruments must restore citizens' faith in the European project **for what** a high level of employment and adequate social protection **must be guaranteed and** fight against social exclusion, a high level of education, training and protection of health **must be promoted**;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5) Stresses that the new framework and the new financial instruments must restore citizens' faith in the European project, **taking into account** Article 9 of the Treaty on the 'horizontal social clause' in order to guarantee a high level of employment and adequate social protection, fight against social exclusion and promote a high level of education, training and protection of health;

Amendment

5) Stresses that the new framework and the new financial instruments must restore citizens' faith in the European project, **mainstreaming** Article 9 of the Treaty on the 'horizontal social clause' in order to guarantee a high level of employment and adequate social protection, fight against social exclusion and promote a high level of education, training and protection of health;

Or. en

Amendment 8 Marije Cornelissen

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6) **Stresses** that at least 25 % of the financial resources set aside for the Structural Funds should be allocated to the European Social Fund (ESF) in order to encourage social investment;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 9 Csaba Óry

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encourage social investment;

promote employability and to encourage social investment;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Csaba Öry

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

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8) Underlines the importance of ***strengthening*** the administrative capacity of the authorities responsible for cohesion policy implementation in order to improve the management of the Structural Funds and, ***consequently, influence public authorities' capacity for governance;*** supports the Commission's proposals in this regard;

Amendment

8) Underlines the importance of ***the efficiency of*** the administrative capacity of the authorities responsible for cohesion policy implementation in order to improve the management of the Structural Funds and supports the Commission's proposals in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9) Welcomes the Commission's proposal to give over at least 20 % of the ESF to 'promoting social inclusion and combating poverty';

Amendment

9) Welcomes the Commission's proposal ***and stresses the need*** to give over at least 20 % of the ESF to 'promoting social inclusion and combating poverty';

Or. en

Amendment 12
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9) Welcomes the Commission's proposal to give over at least 20 % of the ESF to 'promoting social inclusion and combating poverty';

Amendment

9) Welcomes the Commission's proposal to give over at least 20 % of the ESF to 'promoting social inclusion and combating poverty' ***through involving NGOs within which socially excluded persons are able to freely express themselves, in order to ensure that the very poor are able to gain effective access to all fundamental rights;***

Or. fr

Amendment 13
Inês Cristina Zuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Calls for the promotion of employment objective to be strengthened, particularly in terms of access to jobs with rights, sustainable integration of young people into the labour market, gender equality and life-work balance;

Or. pt

Amendment 14
Csaba Óry

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

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Amendment

10) Firmly believes that the macroeconomic conditionality penalties proposed in connection with the Structural Funds run counter to the EU's

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fundamental principle of solidarity; calls for macroeconomic conditionality to be eliminated;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Inês Cristina Zuber

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11. Firmly believes that the EU Programme for Social Change and Innovation has a crucial role to play in supporting the development and coordination of social policies at European level, facilitating access to microcredit **and promoting worker mobility at cross-border level**; stresses that, in view of the challenges involved in creating jobs and reducing unemployment and poverty, the Programme's funding should be increased by 5 %, in accordance with the European Parliament resolution of 8 June 2011 on Investing in the future: a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for a competitive, sustainable and inclusive Europe;

Amendment

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Or. pt

Amendment 16
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13

Draft opinion

13) **Points to the essential role played by**

Amendment

13) **Recognises the added value of the**

the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) in combating the harmful effects of globalisation and industrial restructuring; stresses that the EGF must be continued and upgraded after 2014 as an instrument for flexibility available on equal terms to all categories of workers suffering from the consequences of structural changes brought about by globalisation or an unexpected crisis;

European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) as a rapid intervention instrument to help workers having lost their jobs to re-enter the labour market; Stresses the need to turn this instrument into a European Sustainability Adjustment Fund and to encourage the Member States to use it to deliver on the EU2020 targets, to manage restructuring and to promote new skills, including in connection with new, sustainable, high-quality 'green' jobs;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Csaba Öry

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13

Draft opinion

13) Points to the essential role played by the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) in combating the harmful effects of globalisation and ***industrial restructuring***; stresses that the EGF must be continued and upgraded after 2014 as an instrument for flexibility available on equal terms to all categories of workers suffering from the consequences of structural changes brought about by globalisation or an unexpected crisis;

Amendment

13) Points to the essential role played by the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) in combating the harmful effects of globalisation and ***an unexpected crisis***; stresses that the EGF must be continued ***with the same financial volume as in the past*** and upgraded after 2014 as an instrument for flexibility available on equal terms to all categories of workers suffering from the consequences of structural changes brought about by globalisation or an unexpected crisis; ***stresses as well for a simplified procedure regarding the payment of grants***;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Marije Cornelissen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 14

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14) Stresses that **food aid** for the most needy should ***continue to be provided as part of efforts to support the*** poor in Europe; reminds the Commission of its commitment to submit, in good time, a legislative proposal in this regard in order to ensure continuity of ***the programme*** after 2014 on a new legal basis and with independent funding (over and above the 20 % of the ESF set aside for promoting social inclusion and combating poverty);

Amendment

14) Stresses that ***a program*** for the most needy should ***improve the situation of*** poor ***people*** in Europe; reminds the Commission of its commitment to submit, in good time, a legislative proposal in this regard in order to ensure continuity of ***the support*** after 2014 on a new legal basis and with independent funding (over and above the 20 % of the ESF set aside for promoting social inclusion and combating poverty) ***with emphasis on facilitating organisations supporting the most needy and addressing the structural problem of food poverty;***

Or. en

Amendment 19
Inês Cristina Zuber

Draft opinion
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Draft opinion

14) Stresses that **food aid** for the most needy should ***continue to be provided as part of efforts to support the*** poor in Europe; reminds the Commission of its commitment to submit, in good time, a legislative proposal in this regard in order to ensure continuity of ***the programme*** after 2014 on a new legal basis and with independent funding (over and above the 20 % of the ESF set aside for promoting social inclusion and combating poverty);

Amendment

14a) Considers that owing to the increase in situations of poverty amongst employed workers as a result of so-called austerity policies, at least EUR 500 million needs to be restored to the Community food aid programme for the most deprived for the 2014-2020 period;

Or. pt

Amendment 20
Csaba Óry

Draft opinion
Paragraph 15

Draft opinion

15) Emphasises the importance of partnership contracts and the need for effective representation ***and participation of Members of the European Parliament in the monitoring committees***;

Amendment

15) Emphasises the importance of partnership contracts and the need for effective representation;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

17a) Proposes, given the increase in life expectation and in order to allow retired workers to keep their jobs and financial independence if they wish to do so, that the new multiannual financial framework should encourage the promotion of Community and national policies allowing seniors to keep their jobs or return to the labour market, particularly through measures involving a combination of employment and retirement;

Or. fr

Amendment 22
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

17b) Emphasises the importance of including, as part of the new multiannual financial framework, an appropriate

budget for the promotion of positive measures to support women and men who have temporarily given up work in order to educate children or care for elderly or dependent persons;

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 17 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

17c) Proposes that the new multiannual financial framework provide for actions to encourage national fiscal policies adapted to the needs of families (sectoral policy family mainstreaming); such policies should take into account, by means of a tax regime or tax relief system, the financial obligations of households in the Member States, particularly the cost of childcare as chosen by parents and that of the care of elderly and dependent persons; Urges the Member States to promote tax measures to encourage a higher birth rate through the new multiannual financial framework and draws attention to the fact that women, in particular young single mothers, should be guaranteed special protection and support following the birth of a child;

Or. fr

Amendment 24
Csaba Óry

Proposal for a Draft Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management
Paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. *Except in sub-ceiling Economic, social and territorial cohesion of the financial framework*, for the purposes of sound financial management, the institutions shall ensure as far as possible during the budgetary procedure and at the time of the budget's adoption that sufficient margins are left available beneath the ceilings for the various headings.

Modification

8. For the purposes of sound financial management, the institutions shall ensure as far as possible during the budgetary procedure and at the time of the budget's adoption that sufficient margins are left available beneath the ceilings for the various headings.

Or. en

Amendment 25
Csaba Óry

Proposal for a Draft Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management
Paragraph 13 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

13. The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund is intended to provide additional support for workers who suffer from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns, ***to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market, and also to farmers suffering from effects of globalisation.***

Modification

13. The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund is intended to provide additional support for workers who suffer from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns ***due to globalisation or who suffer from the consequences of serious disruptions caused by an unexpected crisis***, to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.

Or. en

Amendment 26
Marije Cornelissen

Proposal for a Draft Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management
Paragraph 13 - indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Modification

13. The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund is intended to provide additional support for workers who suffer from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns, to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market, **and also to farmers suffering from effects of globalisation.**

13. The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund is intended to provide additional support for workers who suffer from the consequences of major structural changes in world trade patterns, to assist them with their reintegration into the labour market.

Or. en

Amendment 27

Csaba Óry

**Proposal for a Draft Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management
Paragraph 13 – indent 2**

Text proposed by the Commission

Modification

The Fund may not exceed a maximum annual amount of EUR 429 million (2011 prices).

The annual amount of the Reserve is fixed at EUR 500 million (2011 prices) and can be used up to year n+1 in accordance with the Financial Regulation. The Reserve is entered in the general budget of the European Union as a provision.

Or. en

Amendment 28

Csaba Óry

**Proposal for a Draft Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management
Paragraph 13 – indent 3**

Text proposed by the Commission

Modification

At the same time as it presents its proposal for a decision to deploy the Fund, the Commission shall present to the two arms

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of the budgetary authority a proposal for a transfer to the relevant budgetary lines. In the case of disagreement a trilogue procedure shall be initiated.

of the budgetary authority a proposal for a transfer to the relevant budgetary lines ***whereas resources from the European Social Funds are usually not transferred.*** In the case of disagreement a trilogue procedure shall be initiated.

Or. en

Amendment 29
Csaba Öry

Proposal for a Draft Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management
Paragraph 17

Text proposed by the Commission

17. This Point does not apply to appropriations for cohesion adopted under the ordinary legislative procedure and pre-allocated by Member States which contain a financial envelope for the entire duration of the programme and to the large scale projects referred to in Article 14 of the MFF Regulation.

Modification

17. This Point does not apply to appropriations for cohesion adopted under the ordinary legislative procedure and pre-allocated by Member States which contain a financial envelope for the entire duration of the programme and to the large scale projects referred to in Article 14 of the MFF Regulation. ***However, countries that have made use of the European stabilization mechanism can receive additional funding from unspent funds of the Cohesion Fund.***

Or. en